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STARK INTRODUCES BILL TO INCLUDE DEFENSE SPENDING IN BUDGET CUTS

H.R. 413, the Defense and Deficit Reduction Act, Would Save \$182 Billion

WASHINGTON – Today, Rep. Pete Stark (D-CA) introduced H.R. 413, the Defense and Deficit Reduction Act, to take defense spending back to 2008 levels for the next five years. Rep. Stark introduced this legislation the same day that the House approved H.Res. 38, a meaningless budget resolution directing House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan to freeze non-defense spending to 2008 levels. Rep. Stark's bill would have a meaningful effect on the deficit, saving \$182 billion.

"We can't be serious about reducing the deficit if we're going to wall off 60 percent of our discretionary spending from cuts," said Rep. Stark. "This legislation would save \$182 billion, from a sector riddled with extra planes and engines that the Pentagon doesn't want. At a time when we are spending seven times the next closest nation on our military, we must look toward defense for waste and potential savings."

During debate on H.Res. 38, Rep. Stark spoke on the floor and challenged those voting for the resolution, to support a bill that would set the same rules for defense spending. Please watch the video here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySvt8ClucZ0>

For the text of H.R. 413, please visit: <http://go.usa.gov/YTD>

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